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**NOTE TO MR POULSEN  
HEAD OF UNIT D1**

**Subject: Eligibility of artists fees in INTERREG projects**

Ref.: Email to Regio Vista from Mr Fischer dated 29 November 2005

Please find herewith the reply to Mr Fischer's question on the eligibility of artists fees.

The INTERREG guidelines [C(2000) 1101 of 28 April 2000] are quite clear in this respect:

*Cultural events (exhibitions, festivals) are not eligible unless they generate lasting cooperation and employment. As a rule, therefore, one-off events cannot be financed. Regular events can be supported only during the start-up phase. The aspects supported will be mainly organisational rather than artistic (production, purchase of works, payments to artists). (p. 25)*

Furthermore, Article 2 of the ERDF regulation (Reg. 1783/1999) outlines the three areas of the scope of intervention of the ERDF, namely investment costs. Artists fees would be considered as operational costs and therefore ineligible.

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